



### Oswegoland Park District news briefs...

## \$3 million park budget put on public display

By Roger Matile

The Oswegoland Park District's budget for the 1992-93 fiscal year was placed on file last Thursday evening.

The proposed budget for the coming fiscal year was approved for display by a unanimous vote of park commissioners.

This year's budget calls for total estimated spending of \$2,897,142 based on estimated funds available of \$3,025,719.

By fund, the district is planning to spend their money over the next year as follows (followed by last year's budget figure in parenthesis): Corporate Fund, \$562,165 (\$277,830); Recreation Fund, \$405,321 (\$327,587); Social Security, \$43,000 (\$38,000); Museum Fund, \$29,400 (\$27,435); Liability Insurance Fund, \$39,000 (\$38,000); Audit Fund, \$9,100 (\$9,100); Paving and Lighting Fund, \$11,100 (\$9,143); Unemployment Fund, \$7,550 (\$6,500); Worker's Compensation Fund, \$12,200 (\$10,310); Pool Fund, \$146,000 (\$135,335); Capital Projects Fund, \$550,356 (\$559,796); Debt Service Fund, \$764,747 (\$555,283); and Fox Bend Fund, \$517,203 (\$458,525).

This year's budget calls for having \$128,577 on hand at the end of the fiscal year on April 30, 1993.

### Park complaint aired

Deborah Palmer, a resident of Oswego's Windcrest Subdivision who lives near the park district's new Northampton Park, appeared at Thursday's meeting to complain about what she considers disturbances arising from teens who use the neighborhood park.

Palmer complained that park officials and police have not been responsive to her complaints of loud music, shouted obscenities, and park use after legal closing hours. She said such disturbances make it difficult to

raise small children in the area. Palmer also complained the park district has continued to propose changes and additions to park equipment despite the park board's adoption of a final plan.

Late in Thursday's meeting, park district director Bert Gray noted that he responded personally when Palmer called him earlier this summer, as did park commissioner Charles Eichorst and two Oswego police officers with squad cars.

"I don't think that's exactly unresponsive," Gray suggested.

Eichorst agreed that he believes the district, its employees, and commissioners are doing all they can to answer Palmer's complaints. He said he has held lengthy conversations with Palmer concerning her complaints.

Gray added that a neighbor of the park recently circulated a petition among the neighborhood requesting a sand volleyball court be added. Gray said he has not seen the petition, and did not solicit it. He said the park district will not even consider adding anything to Northampton Park unless the neighborhood residents request it.

Gray also noted, however, that no park plan is ever considered "final," since improvements are always possible depending on park use and need.

Eichorst said he believes the park district will continue to listen to comments and suggestions from all residents of the subdivision concerning the park, and indicated the district will be open to future ideas such as the sand volleyball court, if the residents want to suggest such items.

### Stonegate cleanup

Stonegate Park, located on Ill. Route 25 near the Stonegate Estates Subdivision in Oswego, is in the process of being cleaned up and made ready for public ac-

cess, according to Grant Casleton, the park district's director of operations and development. Trees are being trimmed in the park, park staff members are working to clean up the park, and the stone gates at the park entrance will be water blasted to clean them and tuckpointed on both sides.

### Fox Chase annexation

Gray said the developers of the Fox Chase Subdivision, located at Ill. Route 31 and Mill Road on Oswego's far west side, will annex 47.2 acres of the subdivision that currently lie in Bristol Township to the park district. Currently, the park district boundaries end at the Oswego Township line. The park board will take action to annex the parcel at their July meeting. The property has already been annexed to the village. The 47.2 acre plot will be the first portion of Bristol Township annexed to the park district, Gray said. Gray said the park district's boundaries will follow the village's as Oswego annexes property into Bristol Township and it is developed. He said that from now on when property is annexed to the village, he expects it to also be annexed to the park district at the same time.

### Park employees lauded

Park board commissioner Carroll Nelson congratulated park district employees for coordinating another successful PrairieFest community celebration. Nelson noted that this year's celebration was the most successful yet, and said park employees greatly contributed to it.

### Next meeting

The next regular park district board meeting will be held Thursday, July 16, beginning at 7 p.m. at Prairie Point Center. Like all park board meetings, it will be open to the public.